

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission Agenda

October 15, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

DHS Conference Room A & B

Donaghey Plaza South

700 Main Street

Little Rock, AR 72201



Mission Statement: As good stewards of the public trust, we will advise the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education in supporting the optimal and ongoing development of young children in Arkansas.

The AECC will provide support by:

- 1) Increase the number of high-quality infant and toddler programs
- 2) Engage families in the child's education through research-based programs that enhance child outcomes and success in school
- 3) Create an integrated system of professional development uniting the early childhood sectors-child care; HS; pre-k; public schools; early intervention and special education services. (Adopted from Workforce Designs Nation Association for the Education of Young Children)
- 4) Support restructuring, expanding and growing Better Beginning/Quality Rating Improvement System
- 5) Strengthen and expand local and state partnerships with other agencies and organizations for connected action
- 6) Creating awareness of Health and Nutrition Programs and educate parents, children, and child care providers on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order / Reading of Mission Statement | Kim Whitman, Substitute Chair |
| II. | Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2019 Meeting | Kim Whitman, Substitute Chair |
| III. | Old Business | |
| | ❖ DCCECE Commissioner Report | Tonya Williams |
| | ❖ Better Beginning levels Update/Maps | Dawn Jeffrey, Vicki Matthews |
| | ❖ HSSCO/AHSA Updates | Jackie Govan |
| IV. | New Business | |
| | ❖ DCCECE Contract Updates | Paige Cox |
| | ❖ AECC Goals/Planning Retreat | Tonya Williams |
| | ❖ Home Visiting/AHVN Updates | Tyra Greenwood |
| V. | Summary/Announcements | |
| | ❖ Upcoming Events | Kim Whitman, Substitute Chair |
| | ❖ Commissioner Applications- https://governor.arkansas.gov/online-services/ | |
| VI. | Next Meeting | |
| | ❖ January 21, 2020 - Donaghey Plaza South,
DCCECE Resource Center | Kim Whitman, Substitute Chair |
| VII. | Request for Adjournment | Kim Whitman, Substitute Chair |